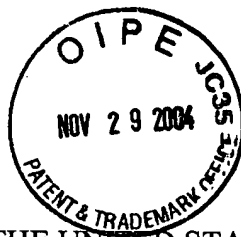


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In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 13.

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